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Regarding: Scoping EIS for GPT / Custer Spur project.
Cumulative Scope.

Dear sir/madam:

My family of five and I have lived and worked in Whatcom County for 24 years. Please include for the scope of the EIS the following areas of inquiry related to the cumulative impacts this project might have on our local community, the region, and the world.

It is sensible and appropriate to analyze the cumulative impacts of all currently proposed coal export facilities and/or dry bulk terminals within Washington and Oregon in a Cumulative Impact Analysis in accordance with the National Environmental Protection Act.

- 1) How will increased rail traffic all along the route affect existing freight traffic?
 - What will those economic impacts be?
- 2) How will increased rail traffic all along the route effect existing passenger train traffic?
 - What will the economic impact be?
 - Will current schedules be reduced?
 - Will future expansion of public commuter systems using passenger rail be limited?
- 3) Will an increase in the burning of coal or a longer period of burning coal in Asia raise sulfur dioxide emissions?
 - What will the health effects be?
 - How will victims be compensated?
 - Will this increase lead to an increase in acid rain in the United States?

- What will the environmental and economic impacts be?
- 4) Will an increase in the burning of coal or a longer period of burning coal in Asia raise mercury emissions?
- What will the health effects be?
 - How will victims be compensated?
- 5) Will an increase in the burning of coal or a longer period of burning coal in Asia raise carbon dioxide in the atmosphere?
- Will this increase lead to an increase in ocean acidification?
 - What will the effects be on marine life?
 - What will the environmental and economic impacts be?
 - What will the effect be on climate change?
- 6) Will an increase in the burning of coal or a longer period of burning coal in Asia contribute to global climate change?
- What will the economic impact be?
 - What will the safety and health impacts be and how will victims be compensated?
- 7) How will the increased access to coal and the reduced price of coal to Asian markets reduce those countries' incentive to use more efficient means of energy production and develop cleaner energy systems?

Thank you for your time and commitment to this process.

Sincerely,

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